Welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament:**

TUE: 6pm - 8pm

Daily Mass:

MON-THU: 7:30am

FRI: 9am SAT: 8am CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 9am Everyone Welcome!

Rosary:

MON-THU: 8am Everyone Welcome!

Sunday Mass:

SAT VIGIL:

4pm, 7:15pm

SUN MASS:

7:30am, 9am, 11am Livestreamed at 4pm Sat.

New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome new members. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 101

Sacrament of Baptism:

Sun: 1pm, by appointment. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for first-time parents. Please call our office at (203) 377-3133, ext. 101

Parish Office Hours:

MON-THU: 9am - 4:30pm

FRI: Closed

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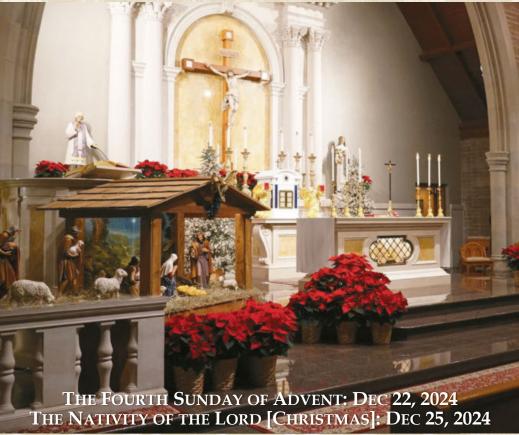




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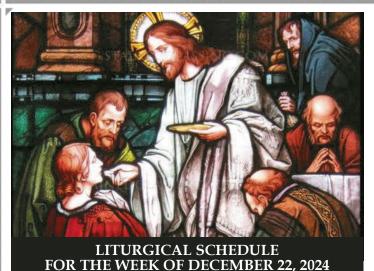
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Mon, Dec. 23: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

St. John of Kanty

Tue, Dec. 24: LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:30AM No Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass in the Church, especially for families with younger children

6:00PM NO Adoration and Confession

12:00AM THE MIDNIGHT

MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Our Parishioners (*Livestreamed*)

Wed, Dec. 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS DAY]

9:00AM † Narciso & Ramos Families 11:00AM † Alfred & Camille Gagliardi

Thu, Dec. 26: St. Stephen

Fri, Dec. 27: The Feast of St. John, Apostle

9:00AM ₱ Francis P. "Frank" Rudini

Sat, Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents

THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (Anticipated)

4:00PM ♣ Joseph Figmic, Jr.

7:15PM Our Parishioners

Sun, Dec. 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30AM † Theresa Fernandes

9:00AM † Lee Romano

11:00AM ♣ Lee Romano

IN MEMORIAM

The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena extends to the families of

Patrick Michael Delaney, Kathryn J. Gerics, Antonio Martino, and Mary Samperi

our prayerful sympathy in the hope of Christ's Resurrection.





...anyone who is new to our area, anyone who is searching for the truth, or anyone who is looking for a spiritual home. We are joyfully and faithfully Roman Catholic in belief and practice - a community of faith, worship, service, and formation - and with open hearts we invite all our brothers and sisters into a living and saving friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the communion of His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Prayerministry

Please remember in your daily prayers all the sick of our Parish and their caregivers, especially:

Marlene Roberts, Ernestine Gaudio, Ivan Capella, Sigrid Rogowski, Michael Fernandes, Rose Autuori, Jack Godo, Elaine Annick, Daniel Gray.

Contact Mary Ellen Kovacs, Director of Pastoral Care: (203) 377-3133, ext. 104.

Please remember in your prayers the family & friends of our Parish serving in the military. We pray for peace & for all serving in the military.

ETV1(SS) Eli Bair, USN LCDR Robert C. Ballard Jr., USN Major Gregg Zavadsky, U.S. Army SPC Zachary Kaesmann, ARNG CPL Adam DePasacreta, USMC Riley Payne, Airman Recruit, USN Robert J. Thompson III, U.S. Army

2nd Lt Peter Sandri, U.S. Army

RESPECT LIFE

The white rose at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us all to pray for an increased respect for the gift of human life. This week, it is offered in memory of

Anthony Molochko

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp, which indicates and honors the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, burns this week in memory of **Anthony Molochko**



TRANSITION IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Bob Cavallero has served two tours of duty as our Director of Parish Operations, first from Sep of 2015 until May of 2020, and again from May of last year until now. Some months ago, Bob confided to Father Marcello his very understandable desire to retire (again!). This time Father could only say yes. Only God Himself knows the full extent of what Bob has done for us at St. Catherine's through these years!

Bob's successor as Director of Parish Operations will be **David Quigley**. Dave, who holds an MBA, ran the finance department at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, has been Chief Network Development Officer for Nuvance Health, and most recently was VP of Clinical Operations and Physician Services for Dartmouth Health. In this very key role on our parish staff, Dave will continue upon the strong foundation Bob has built.

Dave and his wife Susan are active parishioners at St. Theresa's, and are the parents of four adult sons, three of whom are graduates of St. Catherine of Siena School. Bob has begun to transition Dave into the role, and the handoff will be complete by the end of January. Please join us in thanking Bob when you see him, and in welcoming Dave to our team when you meet him.

ST. CATHERINE'S THIRD ANNUAL GINGERBREAD BASH WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The room was festive and beautiful, the energy was high, and, by the smiles around the room, everyone had a fantastic time — kids and adults alike.

Families built gingerbread nativity sets together, heard the Christmas story from the Bible, and played candy cane games. Everyone learned why Jesus is truly the sweetest gift! What a wonderful way to celebrate Advent as a parish community!















THANK YOU TEAM BASH!

A huge thank you to our team of elves without whom this would not have been possible: LAURIE ALVES, CHRISTINA ANGELONE, ERIN COSTANTINI, SARAH MURRAY, ALISON ONDY, ANNIE PUSKAR. KATY RIZZITELLI, MICHELLE SPEAR, plus an army of middle school and high school "elves", including many from our Youth Group.

You guys rocked the Christmas spirit!





് Christmas 2024 Mass Schedule ്

Christmas Eve • Tue, Dec 24 4pm (in the Family Center), *6pm (in the Church)

The Midnight Mass of Christmas *12:00 Midnight. *Prelude music begins at 11:30pm*

Christmas Day Wed, Dec 25 • 9am, 11am (NO 7:30am)

Festive Mass with Soloists and Instrumentalists at 11:00am

* The 6pm Mass and Midnight Mass will be livestreamed on our Parish Website and YouTube Channel.

The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation

No Vigil Mass on Tue, Dec 31 Wed, Jan 1, 2025 (New Year's Day) Mass: 9am, 11am (NO 7:30am)



Please join us
Sunday, January 5,
9:00am
For our sixth annual

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION AND BLESSING OF CHALK

The Epiphany
Blessing of Chalk
and homes is an ancient tradition which
places a reminder of



God's presence at the entrance of a home, and places an entire family under His protection.

After the blessing at Mass, we invite you to take a piece of the blessed chalk home with you for your family's use in invoking God's blessing on your home.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!



- 1. I resolve to arrive at Mass early.
- 2. I resolve that, before arriving for Mass, I'll turn off my cell phone, leave it in the car, or put it on "silent."
- 3. I resolve to go to the bathroom before I leave home, so I don't have to stand outside the restroom during Mass.
- 4. I resolve to offer a friendly smile of encouragement to parents of young children during Mass.
- 5. I resolve to sing. Loudly!
- 6. I resolve to remain in my pew to sing loudly (see above) the whole recessional hymn.
- 7. I resolve to place my hymnal neatly back in the rack before I leave to make less work for the

- Welcome Team. A tidy church is a happy church!

 8. I resolve to take one last peek at my pew before leaving to make sure that I haven't left any belongings. (*After all, a tidy church is ...see above.*)
- 9. I resolve to only wear shorts to Sunday Mass if I'm under the age of five.
- 10. I resolve to be generous with my time and personal space when entering or leaving the church, in line for Communion, and when driving into and out of our parish campus.
- 11. I resolve to return to my pew to pray (and not dash out the door!) after receiving Holy Communion. After all, it is in that moment when I am a Tabernacle for Christ.
- 12. I resolve to make room in the pew for anyone who wishes to join me.
- 13. I resolve to remember that I am an important member of my Parish Community and to support it with my time, talent, and financial resources to the best of my ability.
- 14. I resolve to take this bulletin home with me, cut out these resolutions, and tape them to my refrigerator so I don't forget them.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Deacon Toole's Scripture Study will take a break during Advent. Sessions will resume on Jan 15. Please join us then!

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.

Next weekend's Gospel reading is provided here, so that we can think and pray about it, and be ready to receive it into our minds and hearts when it is proclaimed at Mass.



Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. Luke 2:41-52

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: To allow our parish staff time to celebrate the Christmas & New Years holidays with their families: For Christmas, the Parish Office will close at 4:30pm on Mon, Dec 23. We will reopen on Mon, Dec 30, at 9am. And for New Years, the Parish Office will close again at 12pm on Tue, Dec 31, and will reopen on Thu, Jan 2, at 9am.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Do you know a high school student who loves to hang with

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friends, have fun, and enjoys a yummy treat too? Tell them about Youth Group — every Sun, 6-8pm.

UP NEXT: DEC 22: Christmas Party & Gift Grab-bag. DEC 29: No Meeting, Christmas Break.

INFO: RKingsbury@stcatherinetrumbull.com

RELIGIOUS

MERRY CHRIST-MAS! We wish all of our Rel Ed families a joyful celebration of Christ's birth. Classes resume on Jan 5, 7, 8.

SAINT AND SEEK: Come SEEK the window for Moth-

er Teresa any time now through the end of the year & GET a little gift from us! Any Saturday or Sunday Mass in December!





HELP WANTED! Rel Ed is hiring a **Head Catechist** to oversee the Rel Ed program during class time. Responsibilities include: coordination of catechists, management of the building during class time, attendance management, communication with families, curriculum development, ensuring that the teachings of the Catholic Church are effectively communicated to students. Approx 10hrs/ week, paid. Contact Leah DeVito for information.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Registration for all Sacraments is now past due. If you haven't submitted, please do so ASAP. All Confirmation Prep students should be working on their community service hours. Confirmation Sponsor forms are due on Jan 8.

> LEAH DEVITO, DRE, reled@stcatherinetrumbull.com

CONFESSION

We are happy to provide the schedule for the Sacrament of Penance at parishes in the area:

MON: Christ the King, 7–8pm; cancelled on Holy Days & Civic Holidays

TUE: St. Catherine's, 6-8pm; with Adoration

WED: St. Pius X, Fairfield, 7-

THU: St. Theresa, 7-8:30pm

FRI: St. Theresa, 7:30-8am & 4:30-5:30pm

SAT: St. Lawrence, Shelton, 4-4:45pm; St. Mark, Stratford, 3:30–4:30pm; St. Stephen, 3:30–4:30pm; Christ the King, 4:00–4:45pm; St. Pius X, Fairfield, 4:00-5:00pm; St. Theresa, 3:30-4:30pm

SUN: St. Lawrence, Shelton, 11-11:30am; St. Theresa, 7-7:30am, 8:30-9am, 10-10:30am, 11:30am-12:00pm

HAS IT BEEN A WHILE? Resources for adults, teens & *kids* are at <u>stcathtrumbull.com</u> to help you prepare.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL





dents, faculty, and staff of St. Catherine of Siena School send warm wishes to our parish family. This holy season reminds us of the joy, hope, and love that Christ brought into the world, and we are blessed to share that light in our school and parish community. May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts and homes with peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas, and God bless!

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THE PARISH NURSES:

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:
This Weekend: Dec 21/22.
Looking ahead: Jan 18/19Feb
15/16, Mar 15/16. After the 4pm
Mass on Sat after all Masses on Sun. The Parish Nurses conduct monthly blood pressure screenings and maintain a health-related bulletin board. CHERYL BASZTURA 203-261-5851



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Parish Clergy and the Parish Office Staff wish our Apostolates and Organizations a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

We are so grateful for your work and dedication to make our Parish Community such an engaged and vibrant one. And we look forward to working with you in 2025!

To learn more about our Apostolates & Organizations, their activities and events, call the Parish Office at (203) 377-3133.

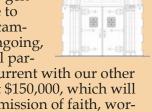
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2024 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

...is now in its 6th week. Thanks to your generosity in previous years, we were able to raise more than \$150,000 through this campaign, which enabled us to meet the ongoing, fixed costs of maintaining our beautiful par-



ish campus and facilities, and to stay current with our other obligations. This year's goal remains at \$150,000, which will help us to meet these same goals. Our mission of faith, worship, and service here at St. Catherine's is a rock of stability for our parishioners and our larger community during these ongoing and challenging times.

As of Dec. 9, we have received \$122,390 in pledges from 267 families (82% of goal).

Together with our Parish Finance Council & Trustees, we ask for everyone's active participation in this year's Appeal.

DONATE ONLINE at: stcathtrumbull.com

All of us make up St. Catherine's. Every gift counts. We are so grateful that you are a part of our Parish Community. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support.



OFFERTORY: We are very grateful to everyone who is using our Online Giving platform. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running. Use this QR code to make your weekly offertory gift to the parish. Thank you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERTORY!

THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH – 8TH WEEKLY: \$5,007 MONTHLY: \$725 ONLINE: \$8,206 TOTAL: \$13,938

WE WILL REPORT OFFERTORY FOR DEC 14/15 ON DEC 29.

YEAR END GIVING: Many parishioners use this special time to help support the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and receive helpful tax benefits as well! **Potential Gifts may include:**



The Annual Parish Appeal; Offertory & Gift Donations; Transfer of Securities (Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds). The IRS allows a tax deduction of \$300 for individuals & \$600 for married filers for charitable contributions made in 2024! Additionally, if you are 73 & older & have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement plan, you may benefit from a direct gift to St. Catherine's. Consult with your tax advisor or plan administrator. All gifts must be received or post-marked by Tue, Dec 31. Don't miss this chance to maximize your charitable giving while receiving a potential immediate tax benefit before year's end!

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